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Application No.: 10/600,905

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1-13, and 15-22 are currently pending in this application. Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 15 and 19 have been amended to more distinctly claim subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-13 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 15-22 because they are dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 15 and 19 have been amended to include all limitations of canceled base claim 14. The withdrawal of the objection to the claims 15-22 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0008645 to Pan et al. (hereinafter "Pan"). Claim 14 is canceled pursuant to the foregoing amendment. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing [amendment and] remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-13, and 15-22, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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